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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish to congratulate the staff of WGLT Public Radio on the occasion of the station's 50th anniversary in 2016; and

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WHEREAS, WGLT's first broadcast was held on February 6, 1966 from Illinois State University; the station has been a public service of the University ever since; WGLT stands for Gladly Learn and Teach, inspired by the University's motto: "Gladly we learn and teach"; and

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WHEREAS, WGLT has served central Illinois with comprehensive local, national, and international news, information, and entertainment for 5 decades, including programming from National Public Radio, Public Radio International, and other public radio networks; and

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WHEREAS, WGLT News has been honored with scores of awards for excellence in broadcast journalism, including 96 regional Associated Press awards, 34 regional and 5 national Edward R. Murrow awards, 6 regional and 2 national UPI awards, and 4 national awards from Public Radio News Directors, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, WGLT has acted as a catalyst for McLean County's thriving arts and culture community by bringing award-winning

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1 national artists, speakers, and performers to central
2 Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, With financial support from the community it
4 serves, WGLT has grown to become more than radio, connecting
5 central Illinois to the wider world through ideas, engagement,
6 and entertainment; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the staff of
10 WGLT Public Radio on the occasion of the station's 50th
11 anniversary in 2016 and wish them continued success and
12 happiness in the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to WGLT Public Radio as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.